

## Big Clearance Sale

### AT THE RACKET.

Commencing Dec. 27 and  
Ending New Year's Eve.

We will sell at this sale the many pretty things left over from Christmas at about your own price.

Beautiful decorated Parlor Lamp, worth \$4, for only... \$2.50  
No. 2 Ruby Parlor Lamp, worth \$2, for only... 1.25  
Those pretty Ruby Salads (as long as they last) at only 18c  
Semi-porcelain handled Tea Cups and Saucers, a set... 35c  
Semi-porcelain 7 inch Dinner Plates, a set... 35c

To make this Sale still more interesting the knife will be applied to the Grocery Department also.

20 pounds Granulated Sugar... \$1.00  
Fancy Muir Dried Peaches, worth 12 1/2c, 3 pounds for... 25c  
Barrel of good Coffee, per pound... 7c

Users of our celebrated Goldenrod Coffee  
Will certainly take advantage of these prices

The kind you have been paying 15c for, at... 11c  
The 20c kind, at... 15c  
The 25c kind, at... 20c  
The 30c kind, at... 25c  
Four cans Peaches for... 25c  
Four cans Corn for... 30c  
Four cans Beans for... 30c

In fact, everything in our entire line will be offered at Prices that will astonish you, and at Prices that will pay you to buy. Come quick as the very things you want may be gone.

THIS SALE IS STRICTLY CASH.

## THE RACKET,

W. H. Clough, Prop.

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Local Events of The Past, Present and Future  
That Will Interest You.

Geo. W. Maybee, of Paris, was in city yesterday.

Howard Benjamin is spending a week in St. Louis.

E. B. Allen made a business trip to Pollock Tuesday.

Elgin Burke is out again after a three weeks' illness.

B. E. Bigger is home from Cameron to spend the holidays.

P. M. Thompson is home from Oklahoma to visit his family.

Geo. W. Estes is spending the holidays with relatives in Illinois.

Miss Anna Collins is the guest of Miss Louise Burke this week.

W. S. Savage is spending a week with his parents at Gravity, Iowa.

Misses Eunice Thompson and Lena Barton were in Brookfield Tuesday.

Wilson buys all kinds of poultry and pays the highest cash market price.

Miss Myrtle Adams is home from the Kirksville Normal to visit her parents.

B. B. Edwards and family, of Linneus, have been the guests of friends here this week.

Mrs. Siders and daughter, Miss Lynn, are on a visit to relatives in Cantril, Iowa.

Mr. Agnew has moved his family here from Iowa and is living on the J. J. Wiles farm.

W. R. Frakes was up from Forker Wednesday and enrolled with THE BLADE for 1903.

Prof. J. B. Jones, who is teaching near Marceline, is spending his vacation at home here.

Miss Grace and Master Tom Willard are spending the holidays with relatives in Illinois.

Gilbert Thomas, who is attending the Normal at Chillicothe, is home here during vacation.

A good fresh milk cow and one full blood Berkshire male hog for sale by D. D. Hallam.

Harry Markham was over from Brookfield and spent Christmas among his friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ritchie left Monday night to spend the holidays with relatives in Ohio.

Merlin Wilkins will leave next week for Iowa to attend a college the balance of the winter.

Mrs. Agnes Van Fleet is here from Michigan on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gould.

M. A. Stearns, of Meadville, has been granted a pension of \$12 per month from the government.

C. L. Watson was over from Brookfield Monday on business and called and renewed for THE BLADE.

Robt. Glenn has moved from his old home farm which he recently sold, to his other farm near Linneus.

R. D. Bowman, night operator at the station, is spending the holidays with his mother at Leon, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Edwards are over from Marceline to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Miss Gertrude Story, of Warrensburg, Mo., was the guest of Miss Anna Lomax the first of the week.

If you want a farm loan at lowest rate and best terms see, or write J. S. Reger, Brownlee Bank, Brookfield.

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weaver at their home three miles south of town, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Brantner have gone to Ponca City, Okla., where Mr. Brantner has engaged in business.

Mrs. Finney came up from Hunnewell Thursday and is visiting her son, J. C. Finney, and family south of town.

J. H. Brown's Christmas present arrived a little bit early but Jim says it's all right. It's a fine girl and was born Tuesday.

I will meet all competition on farm loans, and it will be my pleasure to "show you". See or write J. S. Reger, Brookfield.

Miss Vina Clough, of Forker, was helping W. H. Clough take care of the Christmas trade at the Racket Store this week.

Mrs. Henry Hoskins and little son, Milton Lee, are in Hunnewell, visiting Mrs. Hoskins' brother, Chas. T. Brown, and family.

Geo. Harter came in from Oklahoma Tuesday and is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harter, northwest of town.

Dr. Dick Graves and family came up from Arkansas Thursday to spend the holidays with Mr. Graves' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Graves.

Walter Pratt and wife, Robt. L. Pratt, of Kansas City, Jno. B. Pratt, of Brookfield, were guests of their father, Judge Pratt, Christmas day.

The deal for the sale of Steve Bassett's farm northeast of town to J. B. Bunney, of Saybrook, Ill., has been declared off and Mr. Bassett will keep the farm.

It excites the wonder of the world, a magic remedy, liquid electricity, that drives away suffering and disease. Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c. W. R. Barton.

Fred Hanson bought the Robert Glenn farm moved here with his family this week from Iowa. Laclede welcomes this splendid family to this vicinity.

While crossing the railroad track Wednesday evening Frank Power was thrown from his dray wagon and sustained injuries that will lay him up for a few days.

Mrs. E. L. Robison is entertaining her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Medsker, of Skidmore, Mo., and her sister, Mrs. Herbert Cornish, of Osborn, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Quillen, who moved to Kansas last spring, have returned to Missouri and are located at Neosho where Mr. Quillen is engaged in the hardware business.

C. S. Welsh and Geo. W. Anderson, two of our esteemed subscribers, realizing the editors' needs just before Christmas called the first of the week and made themselves solid for another year's good reading.

W. D. Kuhn and wife are here from Kansas spending the holidays with Mr. Kuhn's parents north of town. Mr. Kuhn taught school in this county for a number of years, but is now in the grain business.

Miss Lula Felt and her friend, Miss Grace Pottsberge, of New York are instructors in elocution at the Conservatory of Music, are here from Quincy spending the holidays with Miss Felt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Felt.

Jas. Wilkins, the real estate dealer, will accompany a party of land seekers to Southern Kansas next week and he invites all who want to go down and take a look at the country to call on him for particulars as to rates, etc.

A box supper was given at the Sunny Point school house last Saturday night and \$10 realized for the benefit of a school library. Prof. Toothaker is giving the Sunny Pointers a good school and the pupils are also doing good work.

Dr. J. W. Hardy and Miss Florence Robinson, both of Sumner, were married at Keytesville on Wednesday of last week. Dr. Hardy is a fine physician with a large and lucrative practice and has married a popular young lady possessing an amiable disposition and having many friends. The genial Doctor and his pretty bride have the congratulations of their many Laclede friends.

Attention is directed to the ad. of W. H. Clough on this page. Mr. Clough bought a very extensive line of holiday goods, and while he had a big trade, he yet has a large stock and in order to move them has greatly reduced prices. Look the list over carefully you will be certain to find something you need and at the price they are offered can afford to buy now.

Mr. Wm. Winters, of Brookfield, and Miss Rhena Lichtenberger were united in marriage last Thursday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lichtenberger, three miles south of Laclede, Rev. E. L. Robison officiating. Their home will be at Kewanee, Ill. Only immediate relatives were present, but their many friends join in extending congratulations.

There seems to be an epidemic of suicide sweeping over Linn county. About ten days ago a man by the name of Nickell killed himself near Browning, and Thursday of last week C. P. Bowditch blew out his brains in a hotel at Marceline; the next day Miss Armada Street, of Purdin, shot herself several times and then leaped into a well to complete the job, and on Tuesday of this week Atwell Singleton, of Jackson township, used a shotgun to blow out his brains.

The question of fuel has been all fall a serious matter in Laclede. And the man who now has as much as a

#### ANOTHER SUICIDE.

Atwell Singleton Blows Out His Brains in Jackson Township.

From Linneus Bulletin. Another unfortunate in Linn county has sought self-destruction as a means for curing ills that were wrongly thought incurable.

This time the victim was a young farmer—Atwell Singleton—whose home was with his mother, eight miles northwest of Linneus.

The sad incident occurred yesterday (Tuesday) morning, about 15 minutes of ten o'clock.

For a number of weeks some secret trouble had been bothering the young man, who was about thirty years of age and unmarried.

He would not talk about his condition, but was noticeably afflicted with melancholia, so much so that his mother entertained apprehensions about his condition and spoke of it to neighbors.

Yesterday morning the young man secured a shotgun and going into the yard at a corner of the house, discharged both barrels at his head, blowing off the top of the skull and literally clearing the cavity of all vestige of the brain.

Mr. Bruce, a neighbor, heard the shot and saw him fall, and hastily gave the alarm.

Dr. Morris, of Linneus, happened to be in the vicinity at the time the affair occurred, and hastened to lend his assistance, but of course the man had died instantly.

At Singleton will be remembered by people of this vicinity as a young man of some athletic attainments, being a foot racer and ball player. He was a brother of Ed Singleton, who lives west of town, and of Mrs. R. J. Alexander, of Laclede.

cord of good wood on hand is considered lucky, and if he chances to have as much as two cords he is looked upon as a successful Klondyker. In the first place there wasn't as much cord wood cut last winter as common, there being plenty of other work more remunerative, and the big crops have kept the farmers busy at home until now the roads are almost impassable and there is a general shortage of wood. But there is a way out of every difficulty and with plenty of corn cobs on the market no one is liable to freeze.

On Thursday of last week an order was issued by the postmaster general discontinuing the postoffice at Boomer, this county, to take effect January 15, 1903. The postmaster at Laclede has been instructed to take charge of all government property at the Boomer office and to receive and properly dispose of all mail intended for distribution at that office. An effort is being made, however, to have the office re-established and to have C. C. Armstrong, who recently opened a stock of goods at that place, appointed postmaster.

The Juvenal Vaudeville company that delighted all who attended their performance here a few weeks ago will return to Laclede on January 15. This is one of the best vaudeville companies that ever appeared at the Laclede opera house and on their return will be greeted by a large audience. Manager Van Valkenburg has booked some fine attractions for January and February, among them Gideon's big minstrel company, the greatest combination of colored stars that ever traveled under one management, to appear January 28. These jolly fun makers travel in their own special cars; have a car load of special scenery, and give a street parade with two distinct bands. They carry a splendid orchestra, 8 comedians, 12 dancers, 8 vocal soloists, acrobats, aerial artists and special performances.

While Christmas cheer was universal last Thursday there was sorrow, heartaches and tears at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carothers as their little son, Russell, lay throughout the day struggling between life and death, his spirit taking its flight at 8 o'clock that evening. He was taken sick last Monday with what was thought to be only cold and no alarm was felt till it developed into membranous croup on Wednesday and took the form of diphtheria Thursday morning. The best efforts known were used to check the disease but it had secured a firm hold and could not be overcome. Russell was 5 years, 2 months and 11 days old, a bright, manly little fellow loved by all who knew him. The funeral will take place from the home Saturday, 10:30. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.



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Over 450 new and up-to-date patterns to select from at

## Geo. C. Smith & Co.

LACLEDE, MO.

## FOR 1903

At the closing of the old year I wish to thank one and all for their patronage during 1902 and solicit a continuance of the same through 1903. A Happy New Year to all of you.

W. R. BARTON.

#### ANOTHER RAILWAY WRECK.

Yellow Creek Bridge the Scene of Another Accident.

From Brookfield Argus. Misfortunes seems to never come singly. Yellow Creek was the scene of another wreck last Saturday morning and, as a result, Oscar Cassidy, fireman of the pile driver, is dead and Ross Robbins was seriously hurt.

Work of repairing the damage done by the awful disaster the Saturday previous was in progress. The pile driver was on the bridge, and while lifting piling from below, became top heavy and went down, bottom side up. Mr. Cassidy who was fatally hurt, was brought to Brookfield and taken to the Q hotel where he died a few hours later. Mr. Robbins was taken to his home in South Brookfield and will recover.

The remains of Mr. Cassidy were taken to his home at Purdin in a special car.

#### Taxpayers' Attention.

To avoid the penalty of one per cent which will be added January 1 you will have to pay your taxes this month. Don't delay.

LEE HAMILTON,  
Twp. Collector.

#### A Steady Income.

Salary or commission paid weekly. Our 1200 acre nursery requires local and traveling agents everywhere to dispose of its products. Also seed line. Will arrange for whole or part time. Outfit free. We guarantee profitable and pleasant employment the year 'round. Write today for special terms.

BROWN BROTHERS COMPANY,  
Rochester, N. Y.

#### STRAY POINTS.

The problem play is as broad as it is long.

The clock never strikes for shorter hours.

Lying may be wicked, but it is still fashionable.

Don't cheapen your opinions by giving reasons.

Many a dishonest heart beats under a ragged coat.

A stitch in time saves the buttons on your trousers.

The blind bagger may still have an object in view.

Success sometimes depends on the things we don't do.

Nothing hurts a self-made martyr like being ignored.

No, Maude, dear, in-door games are not played out.

Well-behaved club waiters are frequently called to order.

The faster a man is the slower he is about paying his debts.

A glance backward is the only way to look into the future.

Some men are pleasant to talk to, but disagreeable to listen to.

Luck is a mighty uncertain thing to sit around and wait for.

The easier it is to get a man to talk the harder it is to get him to quit.

Nothing in the world is sweeter than a girl's attention to her parents.

Great tonic, braces body and brain drives away all impurities from your system. Makes you well. Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c.

W. R. Barton.

#### JUDGE SHERWOOD PLAYED.

A St. Louis Preacher Heaps Invektive Upon the Jurist.

The Rev. W. W. Boyd, St. Louis's "reformer" preacher, delivered a remarkable discourse from his pulpit at the Second Baptist church St. Louis last Sunday night. Dr. Boyd announced that he would take for his theme, "Judicial Outrages." He then reviewed the St. Louis boodle crusade briefly, lauding the work of the circuit attorney, the grand juries which returned the indictments and the judges and juries which made the convictions. Then Dr. Boyd took up the real subject of his address:

"But now a serious case confronts us," he said. "The friends of booties are openly boasting that the supreme court of the state of Missouri will protect them, and the opinion of Judge Sherwood in the Meyenburg case has given them increased courage. Already their attorneys have copiously quoted from it in the courts."

"Indeed, it seems as if a determined effort was being made to make Judge Sherwood's opinion appear to be the opinion of the supreme court. It was given to the papers as such, was used by the learned counsel for the booties recently tried as such and citizens are saying: 'I told you so, the supreme court will let these men free.'"

"Happily, however, his was his own individual opinion. But the attempt to make his opinion the law shows to what desperate methods the booties and their allies will resort and it puts Justice Sherwood in their company whether he intended it to be so construed or not."

"Mr. Sherwood is lacking in perception and reason," continued Dr. Boyd. "He seems to have been befuddled in his thinking. It is enough to say that in every point where he attacks the methods of the trial court or the evidence submitted by the state the supreme court overruled him and sustained Judge Douglas and the circuit attorney. This fact, perhaps, may explain the unusual character of his minority opinion. It is bitter in spirit and vituperative in language. It is an unjudicial speech under the guise of a legal decision. For a judge who has been many years on the bench the expressions he uses are incredible, wholly unpardonable. He

calls the whole trial 'a farce,' yet the supreme court sustains every point of evidence that arose in the trial. He satirizes the philosophic distinction drawn by Judge Douglas 'between the concurrence of the wills of two persons and the concurrence of their minds,' and says that 'such a distinction has never appeared in print,' whereas, in fact, this theory has been much debated in schools. He asserts that the state's contention that Meyenburg was in collusion with Stock and Kratz is as flagrantly absurd as would be the position that a woman had conspired with others for her seduction."

"He characterized the objection of the circuit attorney as 'unsound, puerile and flimsy,' but the court held otherwise. These are but samples of his choice of words. We may forgive the hasty utterances or decision of a trial judge that must command his resources in an instant, and cannot delay action for consideration; but what must be said of an appellate judge of wide experience who takes the case into his chambers, has months upon which to read and ponder the record, and then publishes such an opinion as we are considering. If this intemperate and scandalous document is admitted into the reports of the courts it will remain a lasting disgrace to its author and stand as a monument to the wisdom of the people in retiring him to private life."

"In a wide contrast with the hysterical opinion of Mr. Sherwood stands the sober, sane, judicial opinion of the supreme court as voiced by Judges Gantt and Burgess. No exception can be taken to their sincere and in every way dignified opinion, showing a clear understanding of the situation in St. Louis, and an honest purpose that every man, no matter how guilty, shall have every protection to which he is entitled by law."

#### Is It So?

When a man is in love he doesn't know axle grease from butter.—Linneus News.

This item is respectfully referred to Frank Northcott, of the Sumner Star, and our local editor.

Sample copies of one hundred of the leading magazines and literary papers have been received at the post-office news stand. Call and select your reading matter for the year and save money by ordering now.